

## CITY OF YORBA LINDA

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## **BUILDING DIVISION** (714) 961-7120

Procedure No. 005

Policy Subject: Swimming Pool Alternate 5' Deck Provisions

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As an alternate to providing a minimum five (5) foot wide deck completely surrounding any swimming pool or spa, the City of Yorba Linda will accept the following pool safety measures as providing equivalent swimming pool safety. When proposed as an alternate to a five (5) foot wide deck completely surrounding any swimming pool, complete construction details and dimensions shall be provided on the plans prior to issuance of the permit to construct the swimming pool.

Any raised bond beam where the coping is located more than twelve (12) inches above the waterline is considered in violation of the requirement for a continuous five (5) foot deck surrounding any swimming pool. That portion of the swimming pool with a raised bond beam in excess of twelve (12) inches above the waterline shall provide alternate safety measures as outlined in this Policy.

The alternates listed below are not the only designs acceptable as an alternate to the five (5) foot deck completely surrounding the swimming pool. Any alternate may be presented to the Building Official for consideration. The alternate shall not be accepted unless specifically signed as accepted on the "Five (5) Foot Pool Deck Modification Request" form by the Building Official or his designee.

- 1. Provide a seat or shelf along the entire length of the swimming pool not provided with a minimum five (5) foot wide deck or any location where the deck is more than twelve (12) inches above waterline. The seat shall be a minimum of twelve (12) inches wide horizontally, twelve (12) inches deep, and at a depth not to exceed eighteen (18) inches below the waterline.
- 2. Placement of pre-molded or site fabricated hand-holds placed in the pool wall at a height not to exceed twelve (12) inches above waterline and spaced at a distance not to exceed four (4) feet on center. Such hand-holds shall be placed along the entire length of the swimming pool perimeter not provided with a five (5) foot minimum deck or any location where the deck is more than twelve (12) inches above the waterline.
- 3. Provide a permanently attached rope or bar parallel to the water surface along the entire length of the perimeter of the swimming pool not provided with a minimum five (5) foot deck or any location where the deck is more than twelve (12) inches above the waterline. Such rope or bar shall be a minimum of one (1) inch in diameter and be located not more than twelve (12) inches above the waterline with supports spaced four (4) feet on center maximum.
- 4. Coping, approximately twelve (12) inches wide, placed around the entire perimeter of the swimming pool at a height not to exceed twelve (12) inches above the waterline.

Jim Sowers, Building Official